

CHARGER NEWS

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North Decatur
Elementary



FOUR STAR SCHOOL



Upcoming Events

- February 19th: Snow Makeup Day
 - February 20th: Boys Basketball Game at 3:45PM
 - February 22nd- Third Grade Musical at 7PM
 - February 23rd: Boys Basketball Game at 3:45PM
 - February 27th: Boys Basketball Game VS SDE at 3:45PM
 - February 29th: Boys Basketball Game @ SDE at 4:00PM
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The graphic features a vibrant red background. In the center, a large white circle is outlined. Two hands, depicted in a stylized manner with blue sleeves and green cuffs, hold yellow megaphones with blue handles, one on each side of the circle. White lightning bolt symbols are positioned at the top left and top right corners of the circle. The text is centered within the circle.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE NURSE

In your child has needed to borrow a change of clothes from the clinic, please remember to wash and return these items! We are running low on several sizes due to items not being returned.

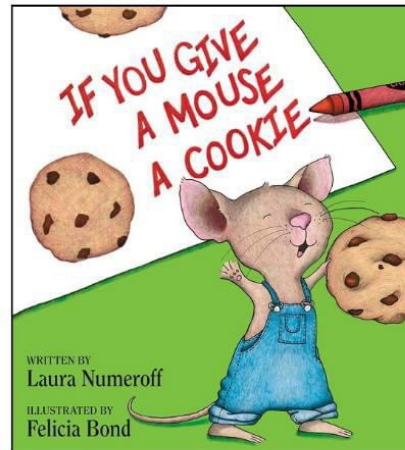
Welcome Laura Numeroff

to the Greensburg Decatur County Public Library

Laura will read **"If You Give A Mouse A Cookie"** followed by a book signing.

Make a craft and enjoy Milk & Cookies while she reads her best selling book!

She will sign one copy of a book you own or a few newly purchased books. Books will not be sold at the library.



Tuesday, March 5th

4:30 - 5:30 PM

All ages. No registration required.

Brought to you by the Greensburg Community High School's Chautauqua and Honda Manufacturing.

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Chautauqua





Congratulations to these students on winning the Valentine's Day coloring contest, sponsored by the high school!

Let's help support a great cause! National Honor Society will be collecting money from February 19-23! The class in grade K-2, 3-4, and 5-6 that collect the most money will earn the ice cream social!

North Decatur presents

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**IT'S COMPETITION TIME FOR A GOOD CAUSE! WIN AN
ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR YOUR CLASS. HOW?
RAISE THE MOST MONEY FOR MEALS ON WHEELS!**

*Winning classes will be
able to pick 2 ice cream
flavors!*



GREENSBURG MEALS ON WHEELS PRESENTS

DANCING with the STARS

Through the Decades

Thursday, February 29

Community Church of Greensburg

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Dancing begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets - \$20 each

Table of 8 - \$150

Tickets or info - call 812-663-6099

NEHS Induction



We had the honor of inducting 29 new members into the North Decatur Elementary Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society! These students display the pillars of scholarship, responsibility, service, and leadership. Congratulations to these 5th and 6th grade students!

Indiana Honors Schools Meeting the State's 95% Literacy Goal ***Secretary Jenner Recognizes 241 Schools in Statehouse Ceremony***

INDIANAPOLIS – State leaders recognized educators from 241 schools with scores of 95% or above on the 2023 administration of the IREAD assessment at a ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse on Thursday.

"Mastering foundational literacy skills by the end of third grade is vital to achieving our goal that 95% of Hoosier students are reading proficiently by 2027," said Governor Eric Holcomb. "Across our state, educators, families and communities are linking arms to help more students read, and it is important that we celebrate this impactful work."

A list of schools honored at the celebration can be found [here](#) and photos from the event are available [here](#).

"While we urgently work to overcome our reading crisis in Indiana, we also must take time to celebrate the schools that continue to improve outcomes for students. Throughout the year, there are opportunities to highlight schools with visits, individual teacher celebrations, and an annual red carpet gala for educators," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "Today, for the first-time ever, we hosted a celebration for schools that are hitting our statewide reading goal. Today's celebration included large and small schools, urban and rural, as well as schools that serve diverse student populations, both in terms of race and ethnicity and socioeconomic status, yet the one thing that they all have in common is that they are making it work for students!" The event program also included remarks from Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray and House Speaker Todd Huston thanking and celebrating the educators in attendance.

"Indiana has a goal of 95% proficiency, and the schools honored today represent that goal and so much more," said Senator Rodric Bray, President Pro Tempore of the Indiana Senate. "These educators are an inspiration to every other school, demonstrating that achieving our state's literacy goal is not only attainable but attainable year after year."

Under the leadership of President Pro Tem Bray, [Senate Bill 1](#), which focuses on early intervention and support for students to ensure they are reading by the end of third grade, is a top priority for the Indiana Senate during the 2024 legislative session and is also part of Governor Holcomb's 2024 Next Level Agenda. In 2023, under the leadership of Speaker Huston, the Indiana House of Representatives prioritized the passage of the state's largest-ever investment in literacy.

"Today, there is economic activity happening in every corner and in every county of our state. For many reasons, there's never been a better time to be a Hoosier, particularly a young Hoosier. But the foundation of that is reading," said Representative Todd Huston, Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives. "By helping more students gain foundation reading skills, Indiana's educators are truly impacting kids' lives. With the most heartfelt and deepest admiration and thankfulness, thank you for the work you put in every single day for the kids of Indiana."

To support schools and educators, as well as parents and families in preparing students with foundational reading skills, Indiana continues to make historic investments in literacy, totaling over \$170 million. Below are examples of how this investment continues to positively impact students –

- Launched a [new data visualization tool](#) with key literacy data to empower educators, parents and families, community leaders and policymakers with the information needed to continue improving state and local literacy rates.
- Increased school-level science of reading instructional coaching and support for educators through the [Indiana Literacy Cadre](#). Participation in 2023 grew nearly five-fold, with 199 total schools opting into cohorts one and two.
- Provided **over 105,000 hours** of learning support and tutoring services to over **20,000 students** through [Indiana Learns](#), regardless of a family's ability to pay.
- Grew the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) from 6,000 users in 2021 to nearly 60,000 users just two years later, including launching the **Parent and Family Support Hub**, which provides no cost, 24/7 access to resources for parents and families to support their student's learning.
- Developed **online professional development modules supporting Indiana educators with additional science of reading training**. Nearly 6,000 educators have signed up to participate, with 1,200 have already completed. Eligible teachers will receive a \$1,200 stipend upon completion.
- Expanded the number of schools opting-in to administer the state's **IREAD assessment for second grade students** to 1,099 schools. This allows teachers, parents and families to immediately know if a child is on-track or at-risk when it comes to mastering foundational literacy skills.

- Awarded the [Expanding What Works grant](#) to four regional partners serving over 3,000 students to increase access to high-quality summer programming providing supplemental literacy and math instruction using evidence-based strategies.
 - Provided **\$10 million in cash stipends to teachers, instructional coaches and other school staff** at all corporations and charter schools who are responsible for the implementation and delivery of early literacy and reading instruction through the [Literacy Achievement Grants](#).
 - Increased the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices for over 65,000 students across Indiana through the [competitive science of reading grant](#), which awarded **nearly \$15 million to 72 school corporations**. This is in addition to the multiple other initiatives supporting science of reading.
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[Sign Up Link](#)

A series of vibrant, overlapping brushstrokes in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, creating a dynamic, rainbow-like effect behind the word 'YEARBOOKS'.

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Order your school's yearbook NOW.

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[Yearbook Order Link](#)

**Use Access Code 0082177YB Paper Order Forms will be
coming home in a few weeks**

Boys Basketball Highlights



Friday 2/9

Game 1: Team 2 VS Team 3

Team 3 won 24-21.

Team 2 MVP: Kolton Green

Team 3 MVP: Chase Litmer

Game 2: Team 1 VS Team 2

Team 1 won 27-23.

Team 1 MVP: Camden O'Dell

Team 2 MVP: Carson Rennekamp

Tuesday 2/13

Game 1: Team 1 VS Team 3

Team 3 won 21-16.

Team 1 MVP: Caleb Reisman

Team 3 MVP: Cody Trenkamp

Game 2: Team 2 VS Team 3

Team 3 won 17-15.

Team 2 MVP: Troy Brown

Team 3 MVP: Chase Litmer

Thursday 2/15

Game 1: Team 1 VS Team 2

Team 1 won 24-21.

Team 1 MVP: Caleb Reisman

Team 2 MVP: Troy Brown

Game 2: Team 1 VS Team 3
Team 3 won 23-15.
Team 1 MVP: Camden O'Dell
Team 3 MVP: Ross Gorrell

Basketball Camp Information

Paper copies will also be coming home.

2024 North Decatur Boys Basketball Camp
Date: April 15th - April 18th
@ North Decatur High School's Main Gym
Fundamental Skill Development and Competition Camp

Every Camper Gets:

- Camp Shirt
- Instructional Training from Varsity Coaching Staff and Varsity Players
- Door prizes drawn for at the end of the week!

Emphasis on Fundamentals:

- Shooting
- Ball Handling
- Passing
- Defensive Positioning

Cost:

- \$40.00 Camp Fee
- Make Checks Payable to North Decatur High School



Camp Information:

Elementary School Camp:

- Incoming Grades 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 for the 2024-2025 school year!
*Will be from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM (Wednesday the 12th from 2:30-5:00) @ NDHS
A High School Student will walk them over!*

For Information Call/Text Coach Metz 812-593-3923 OR Email pjmetz@decaturco.k12.in.us

KEEP TOP HALF FOR CAMP INFORMATION, RETURN BOTTOM HALF.

***Return forms and money to High School in an envelope marked to Coach Metz to
RESERVE your spot.**

****FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BY: MARCH 1ST, 2024****

Name: _____ Age: _____ Incoming Grade (2024-2025): _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email Address (optional): _____

Parent Cell Phone #: _____ Parent Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Circle Shirt Size: YM YL S M L XL XXL

(Additional Shirts can be ordered for \$15)

- IN CASE OF INJURY OR ACCIDENT NORTH DECATUR SCHOOLS, COACH PJ METZ, AND MEMBERS OF CAMP STAFF WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____

2024 North Decatur Boys Basketball Camp
Date: June 10th - June 13th
@ North Decatur High School's Main Gym
Fundamental Skill Development and Competition Camp

Every Camper Gets:

- Camp Shirt
- Instructional Training from Varsity Coaching Staff and Varsity Players
- Door prizes drawn for at the end of the week!

Emphasis on Fundamentals:

- Shooting
- Ball Handling
- Passing
- Defensive Positioning

Cost:

- \$40.00 Camp Fee
- Make Checks Payable to North Decatur High School



Camp Information:

Middle School Camp:

- Incoming Grades 6 - 7 - 8 for the 2024-2025 school year!
- Will be from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM @ NDHS*

For Information Call/Text Coach Metz 812-593-3923 OR Email pjmetz@decaturco.k12.in.us

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Name: _____ Age: _____ Incoming Grade (2024-2025): _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email Address (optional): _____

Parent Cell Phone #: _____ Parent Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Circle Shirt Size: **YM YL S M L XL XXL**

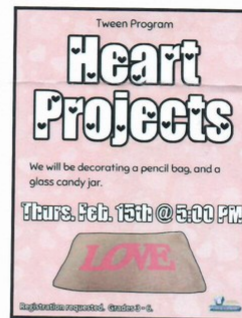
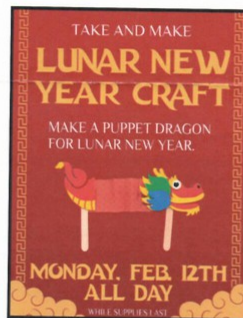
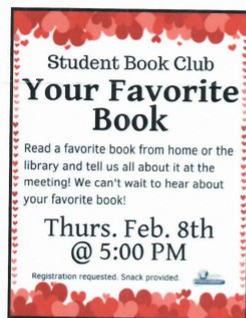
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Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Upcoming February Children's Programs

At the Greensburg Decatur County Public Library



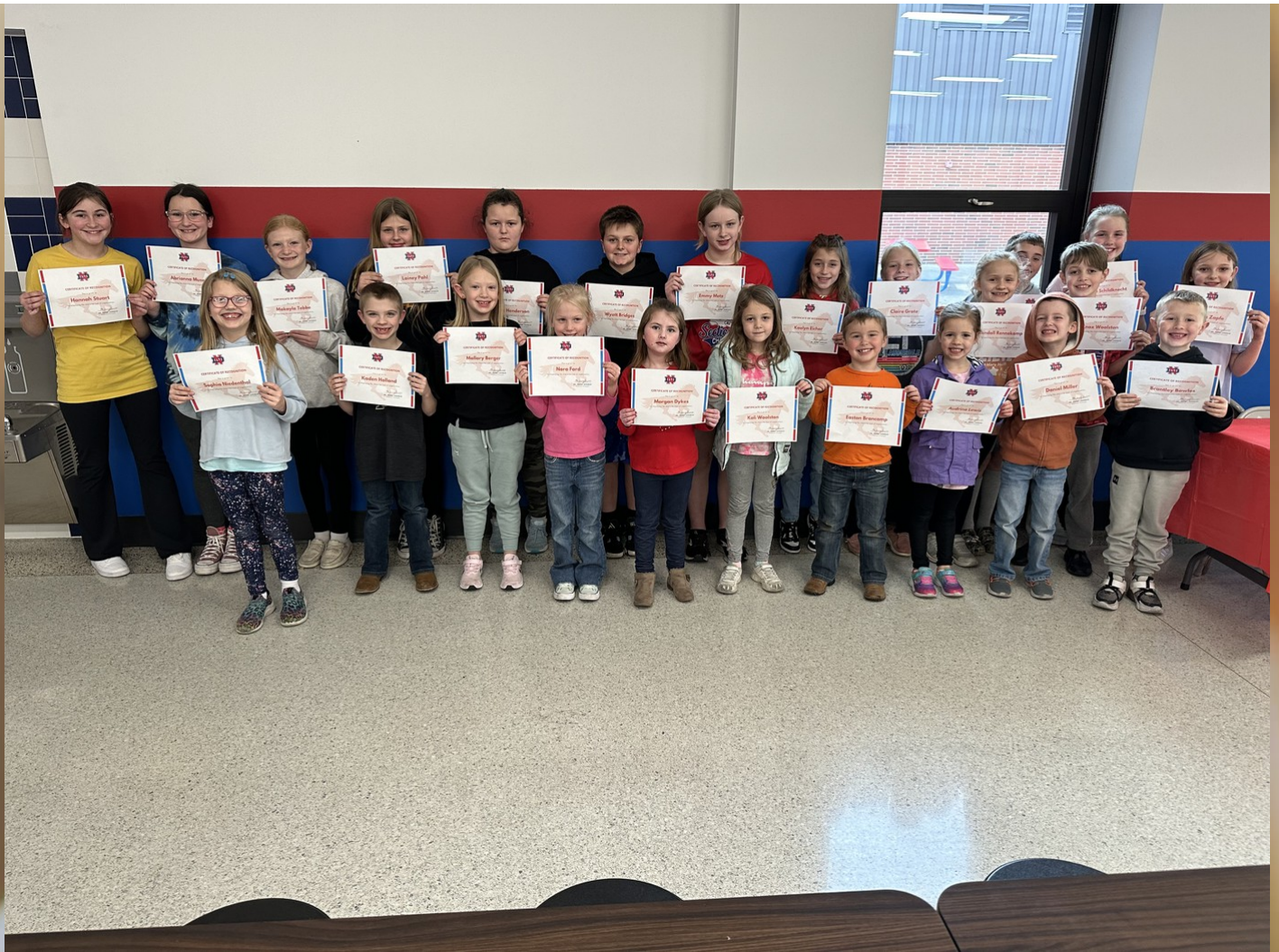
To register for programs visit www.greensburglibrary.org/events!

Questions? Call the Circulation Desk at (812)663-2826 or the Children's Desk at (812)663-4455.



Character Counts

Congratulations to these students for displaying organization, which was the January trait of the month.





Super Sixth Graders

January

Nelleigh Adkins and Justice Freed

December

Claire Trenkamp and Evan Siebert

November

Emily Baldwin and Jeramie Fisher

October

Marlee Litmer and Elliot Barber

September

Kenzie Duckworth and Wesley Horstman

August

Kenzleigh Sangl and Camden O'Dell

Dear Parent/Guardian,
Champions of Youth has a few spots open for youth in our Core Program! If you are interested in your child having a mentor or finding out more about our program, please call our office **812.663.7556** or stop by for an application. **1201 N Lincoln St. Suite D.** Champions of Youth offers youth a positive mentor outside of the family that they can confide in and learn from. Children in our programs receive special surprises such as

- Swim passes
- YMCA passes
- Zoo passes
- Attend professional sporting events
- College scholarships

We have amazing mentors and we can't wait to help your child be all they can be!

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